

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Stephen L. Fichera**

**Serial No.: 10/675,451**

**Filed:** September 30, 2003

**For:** APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
STORING SLIDES IN AN ANGULAR  
ARRANGEMENT

**Group Art Unit:** 3651

**Confirmation No.:** 5606

**Examiner:** Douglas A. Hess

**M/S: AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patents Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 18, 2006.

The items checked below are appropriate.

**DOCUMENT ENCLOSED:**

- ☒ Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review – PTO/SB/33 form (1 page) with reasons for the request (4 pages)

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMITTAL**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below via the USPTO-EFS-Web filing system.

*May 16, 2006*

Date of deposit

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**1. Request and Petition for EXTENSION OF TIME:**

☒ The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

☒ Applicant(s) petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)] for the total number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION<br>(months)                         | FEE FOR SMALL<br>ENTITY | FEE FOR OTHER THAN<br>SMALL ENTITY |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month | \$60.00                 | \$120.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months           | \$225.00                | \$450.00                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months         | \$510.00                | \$1,020.00                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months          | \$795.00                | \$1,590.00                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months          | \$1,080.00              | \$2,160.00                         |
| <b>Fee</b>                                    |                         | <b>\$120.00</b>                    |

☒ If any extension fee is required, please consider this a petition therefore.

**2. Appeal FEES**

☐ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.27.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>APPEAL FEE: 37 CFR §1.17 (b) - 41.20(b)(1)</b> | <b>\$500.00</b>                 |
| Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR § 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00 |
| Extension of Time (from above)  | \$120.00                        |
| <b>TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HEREWITH</b>  | <b>\$620.00</b>                 |

**3. Method of Payment of fees:**

- ☒ Credit card payment by EFS system is enclosed in the amount of **\$620.00**.
- ☐ Charge Vista IP Law Group LLP Deposit Account No. **50-1105** in the amount of \$0.00.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge Vista IP Law Group LLP Account No. **50-1105** for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.445 that are not covered, in whole or in part, and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. **50-1105**

Respectfully submitted,  
VISTA IP LAW GROUP LLP

Dated: 5-16-06

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